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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03/22/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION
Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/22/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's admitted prior art in view of Schroderus (WO 9962283) and further in view of Hoogerwerf et al (US 5,819,171).

Regarding claims 1, the Applicant's admitted prior art teaches a method of recovering a dropped call in a mobile station (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 2 lines 1-5), comprising the steps of: determining whether two

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consecutive good frames have been received on a traffic channel that was disconnected in relation to the dropped call (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 4 lines 2-7), searching an adjacent base station whose signal arrives at the mobile station with a greater received signal strength using a searcher (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 4 lines 4-7), while the frame receipt is checked (also see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 4 lines 4-11), requesting a traffic channel at mobile station to the searched base station (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 3 lines 8-17 and page 4 lines 4-11), assigning to the mobile station a traffic channel by the searched base station (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 4 lines 10-11), resuming the call on the traffic channel that is first available between one of a recovered traffic channel and the assigned traffic channel (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 4 lines 10-11, in the Applicant's Background of The Invention, any traffic channel that is available for the first time reads on applicant's "traffic channel that is first available").

The Applicant's admitted prior art does not specifically disclose assigning a traffic channel by using a physical channel used for data transmission.

Schroderus teaches assigning a traffic channel by using a physical channel (see Abstract, page 2, lines 32-34 and page 3, lines 18-19) used for data transmission (see page 1, lines 15-16 and page 1, lines 23-24).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teaching of Schroderus into the

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system of the Applicant's admitted prior art in order to allow the mobile station to synchronize with a base station.

The combination of the Applicant's admitted prior art and Schroderus does not specifically disclose determining if a recovered traffic channel and the assigned traffic channel are available.

Hoogerwerf teaches determining if a recovered traffic channel and the assigned traffic channel are available (see column 7, lines 51-62, see "*new voice channel*", "*old voice channel*", "*re-tunes back*" and "*re-establish*", and see column 6, lines 45-55 and column 8, lines 6-16 for "*dropped call*". In addition, Applicant's claimed limitations recite "if", the term "if" means not actually happen. Therefore, the Examiner may not require to respond to this claimed limitation).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teaching of Hoogerwerf into the system of the Applicant's admitted prior art and Schroderus in order to provide a technique for rerouting a wireless telephone call (see Hoogerwerf, column 1, lines 5-8).

Regarding claim 2, the Applicant's admitted prior art further teaches the traffic channels are fundamental channels (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 2 lines 1-5 "traffic channel").

Regarding claim 3, the Applicant's admitted prior art further teaches the physical channel for data transmission is a supplemental channel (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 2 lines 1-5 "paging channel").

Regarding claim 4, the Applicant's admitted prior art further teaches the physical channel for data transmission is a common control channel (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 2 lines 1-5 "synch channel").

Regarding claim 5, claim 5 is rejected with the similar reason as set forth in claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 8, claim 8 is rejected with the similar reason as set forth in claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 9, the Applicant's admitted prior art further teaches the physical channel for data transmission is a common control channel (see the Applicant's Background of The Invention, page 2 lines 1-5 "synch channel").

Regarding claim 10, claim 10 is rejected with the similar reason as set forth in claim 1 above.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 and 8-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi H. Ly whose telephone number is (571) 272-7911. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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